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"The Library believes it has the most comprehensive multi-format collection of World War I materials in the nation. In the run up to the centennial exhibition, a number of our curators are working with our online collections, and we're hoping to have about 8-12 blog posts prior to the run up so people can get an idea of the kind of things we have and the kind of insights our curators can give the public as well. I think the benefit to having these things online and having the blog posts is, it allows people, one, who may not be able to come to D.C., or even if they live in D.C., perhaps have a disability, to engage World War I and see the kind of materials we have and get a better sense of the history. And with the centennial of the US entrance into the war in 1917 coming up, we believe it's a good time to bring those collections out, but not just statically and separately, but integrated in a way in which they're in discussion with one another, they're in conversation, and they give researchers and the public a clearer idea of what we have and what the war was and how America traversed the war and experienced it."